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ABSTRACT

This book presents 14 essays on the topic of "E-Prime," a variant of the English language that eliminates the verbs of the "to be" family. Essays in the book claim that some of the benefits of using E-Prime in speech and writing are lively, concise writing and speaking; clearer, more critical thinking; better communication, evaluation, and decision making. Essays in the book are "Discovering E-Prime" (Elaine C. Johnson); "Getting Rid of the 'To Be' Crutch" (Ruth S. Ralph); "Escape from a Frozen Universe: Discovering General Semantics" (Paul Dennithorne Johnston); "Writing That Works" (DeWitt Scott); "Toward Understanding E-Prime" (Robert Anton Wilson); "Coping with Semantic Problems in System Development" (Karen L. Ruskin); "Working with E-Prime: Some Practical Notes" (E. W. Kellogg III and D. David Bourland, Jr.); "A Linguistic Note: Writing in E-Prime" (D. David Bourland, Jr.); "The Semantics of a Non-Aristotelian Language" (D. David Bourland, Jr.); "'Is'-Less and Other Grammars" (Robert Ian Scott); "Speaking in E-Prime: An Experimental Method for Integrating General Semantics into Daily Life" (E. W. Kellogg III); "To Be or Not To Be: E-Prime as a Tool for Critical Thinking" (D. David Bourland, Jr.); "Labels: A Short Story" (Paul Dennithorne Johnston); and "A Non-Aristotelian Paradigm for Linguistics" (D. David Bourland, Jr.). (RS)

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